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(New Nonprovisional Applications Under 37 CFR § 1.53(b))

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## TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith is the patent application of ( ) application identifier or (X) first named inventor, W. Thomas Novak, entitled VACUUM COMPATIBLE AIR BEARING STAGE, for a(n):

(X) Original Patent Application.

( ) Continuing Application (prior application not abandoned):

( ) Continuation ( ) Divisional ( ) Continuation-in-part (CIP)  
of prior Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.

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( ) Continuation ( ) Divisional ( ) Continuation-in-part (CIP)  
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( ) This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application

No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.

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